

Meeting of the Bolton Conservation Volunteers held at Sweet Green Tavern
on Wednesday 11 October 2017

Present: Rick Parker (RP) Colette Peachey (CP) Colin Mather (CMA) Tom Bruce (TB) Bob Thompson (BT) Francis Williams (FW) John Loder (JL)

Apologies: Caroline Bruce (CB) Sheena Flanagan (SF)

Minutes: Ok

Meeting:

1. RP recently went to a conference for *Lancashire Trust* where they held annual awards. *Jane* got an award for the '*Most Inspirational Volunteer 2017*' - well done Jane! Details on website.
2. The last 2 tasks although successful were not without some difficulties! *Ouzel Nest* - TB was going to mow meadow but machine failed! All the plants were put in (wild flowers) and trees cut down where necessary. At *Rumworth* the water levels were very high, also the area for parking was waterlogged. The islands at Rumworth and Doffcocker are in better condition than ever before!
3. The next task is at *Colliers Row woods* on Scout Road for the Woodland Trust. We will be doing rhododendron control with a small fire so there will be spuds and cakes!
4. *Christmas meal* - we need to decide on a venue - RP suggested *Nam Ploy* on Chorley Old Road where we once went for someone's birthday. RP will ring and enquire. Possible date will be 20 January 2018.
5. At *Eatock* in Westhoughton RP collected seeds from *field scabious* which will be used for islands etc.

AOB:

1. CMA - Andy returned some money from the party - £ 6.60 which will be given to Claire.
2. CMA - Calendar is half finished and he will pass to CB when completed. This one contains pictures of volunteers.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday 8 November, 2017, 8:00 p.m. at the Sweet Green Tavern, Bolton.